

BEG FOR WATERWAYS

Over a Thousand Delegates Will Discuss Harbor Needs.

CANNON DOWN FOR SPEECH

John Sharp Williams and David B. Francis to Make Addresses at the Evening Session of Congress That Will Ask National Legislature for \$50,000,000 a Year for Improvement.

Following an invocation by Bishop Satterlee, what is declared to be the greatest convention of its kind ever held in the United States, will be opened at the Arlington Hotel this morning by delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Until midnight members of the executive committee of the congress were in session arranging the details. On the programme as given out are speakers from every section of the country and many men of national importance.

Throughout yesterday and until late last night every train brought delegates to the meeting. Secretary J. F. Ellison said that at least 1,200 representatives from commercial, manufacturing, and agricultural organizations, together with many delegates from States, cities, and towns, will be present when the meeting opens at 10 o'clock.

The programme, as finally determined on by the executive committee, is divided into four distinct sessions. The first will last throughout the morning, the second is set for the afternoon, while the evening meeting is to be held in the National Rifles Armory, on G street.

Will Call at White House. To-morrow morning will see the final gathering of the convention, and in the afternoon the delegates will be tendered a reception at the White House, at which President Roosevelt will deliver a short address. To-day's programme follows:

MORNING SESSION.
Convention called to order by Harvey D. Gould, president National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Prayer by Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, Bishop of Washington.

Addresses: Harvey D. Gould, president; Joseph T. Cannon, Speaker, House of Representatives; J. E. Burton, chairman Rivers and Harbors Committee, U. S. House of Representatives.

Business—President Gould will turn the convention over to Joseph Russell, chairman of the executive committee, National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which committee called this convention under authority conveyed to it by the last session of the congress.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Addresses—J. F. Ellison, Joint Executive Committee Improvement Harbor of Philadelphia; Lawrence M. Jones, president Missouri River Improvement Association, Kansas City, Mo.; John F. Fitzgerald, mayor of Boston, Mass.; John Barrett, United States Minister to Colombia; E. S. Conner, Chicago, Ill.; Bird S. Oiler, president borough of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Albert Bettino, vice president Ohio Valley Improvement Association, Cincinnati, Ohio; Geo. N. C. Blanchard, Baton Rouge, La.; N. T. Ford, Portland, Ore.; W. C. Stewart, Dallas, Tex.

Special evening session, 8 o'clock, at National Rifles Armory, G street, between Ninth and Tenth streets. David B. Francis, Chicago, Ill.; James Tanner, U. S. House of Representatives, Ohio; George W. Guthrie, mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ex-Gov. David B. Francis, St. Louis, Mo.; John Sharp Williams, Mississippi.

Come from All Over Country.
Congressman Randall, of Louisiana, chairman of the executive committee of the congress, is delighted with the showing made by the advocates of water transportation.

"The convention will be a mile-stone in the onward march of American commerce," he said last night. "The representative business men gathered here from every section of the United States are in earnest in their demand that the nation develop a new system of transportation to care for the traffic that has taxed the railroads. It is a demand that they are unanimous in their support of."

J. F. Ellison, secretary, said last night: "At our present congress we have represented twenty-five States, and 150 commercial organizations. We have here delegates from twenty-six mayors and fourteen governors."

AUTO STOLEN IN STREET.

N. L. Francis Says the Machine Was Taken from Near Home.

The loss of an electric automobile was reported at detective headquarters yesterday by N. L. Francis, of 1705 N street northwest.

Francis said that he left the machine by the curb in front of his residence, and upon returning a short time afterward discovered that it was missing.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1906. 3 p. m.

The western storm has reached Eastern Iowa and increased somewhat in intensity. It has moved east in that region, and thence extended to Pennsylvania with snow in the Upper Lake region. In the South and west of the Rocky Mountains fair weather prevails, except that in the North Pacific coast States. The future course of the storm will doubtless be northward down the St. Lawrence Valley.

For Thursday night, with higher temperatures, is indicated for the Middle Atlantic and New England States and the Lower Lake region. In the latter named district rain will turn into snow with much colder on Friday. In the remaining districts Friday will be fair. It will be colder Friday in Atlantic coast districts.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be fresh and variable, becoming easterly and brisk on Saturday. In the Middle Atlantic coast from southwest to northeast, on the East Gulf coast light to fresh southerly; on the West Gulf coast fresh to strong, on the lower Lake coast westerly, shifting to westerly, and on the Upper Lake coast to high northwesterly.

Steamers departing Thursday for European ports will have fresh and variable winds and rain weather to the Grand Banks.

SPECIAL FORECAST.
Storm warnings are displayed on the Great Lakes. Cold wave warnings have been issued for Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

Local Temperatures.
Midnight, 28; 2 a. m., 25; 4 a. m., 27; 6 a. m., 28; 8 a. m., 27; 10 a. m., 25; 12 noon, 26; 2 p. m., 28; 4 p. m., 27; 6 p. m., 25; 8 p. m., 23; 10 p. m., 20; Maximum, 40; Minimum, 22.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 78; 2 p. m., 63; 8 p. m., 57. Rainfall, 0.04. Hours of sunshine, 0. 1st cent of possible rainfall, 8.

Temperatures same date last year—Maximum, 39; minimum, 26.

Temperatures in Other Cities.
Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twelve hours ended at 3 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

DROPS THIRTEENTH LAWYER.

Mrs. Dudley's Suit Postponed to Let New Counsel Study Case.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Edward Dudley's \$100,000 allegation suit against Mrs. Elizabeth Bateale Vanderpool was put over the present term of the Supreme Court by Justice Fitts to-day.

Application for a postponement was made by Mrs. Dudley's fourteen lawyer, E. S. Peck, of 52 Broadway, New York, who read an affidavit made by Mrs. Dudley, and asked for further time to familiarize himself with the case.

In effect Mrs. Dudley stated that she had had serious disagreements with Carol Whitaker, of Saugerties, N. Y., who is now a lawyer, and he told her that if she did not settle the suit he would have nothing more to do with it.

Their differences were such, she alleged, that she could not consult with him upon any matter whatever.

HARLAN NOT TO QUIT BENCH.

Justice Decides to Remain Out of Kentucky Governor Race.

Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, announced yesterday that he had finally decided to make the race for governor of Kentucky.

"I reached that decision this morning," said Justice Harlan yesterday, "and I have written one of my friends in Kentucky to that effect."

Justice Harlan did not care to comment further upon his declaration. Justice Harlan's inclinations have been to accept the nomination, but owing to the appeals of his family, intimate friends, and colleagues on the Supreme Court, he does not see his way clear to enter the race.

DROPS DEAD IN LIVERY STABLE.

Old Man Tumbles Over a Victim of Heart Failure.

Notley Naylor, fifty-six years old, while at the livery stable of Harry Heasley, at 208 Eleventh street northwest, yesterday afternoon, was stricken with heart failure and died before medical assistance could be given him.

Since the death of his brother, Harry B. Naylor, about a week ago, he had been very despondent, and had been receiving medical treatment.

The Emergency Hospital ambulance was summoned, but Naylor died before it reached the hospital.

KEEP WATCH ON ASHION TRIAL.

Labor Unions Show Interest in Outcome of Case.

Head of Navy Yard Employees Coming to City to Push Half Holiday Movement.

There is renewed interest in the charges brought by the local bookbinders' union against Harry F. Ashion, acting foreman of the bindery division of the Government Printing Office.

The case had been delayed by repeated postponements, until public interest had almost died a natural death, and there was a sentiment that the charge of violating his oath brought by one of the binders working under him at the printing office—Alvin Tanner—would never be prosecuted. But when the case was taken up by the union at its meeting Tuesday evening it became the all-absorbing topic of conversation of that city in the printing and labor circles generally.

There are four penalties provided for the offense alleged in the constitution of the union, and if Mr. Tanner's contentions are sustained, the acting foreman will either be censured, fined, suspended, or expelled, according to the secret ballot. If a majority vote "fine," it will undoubtedly be over \$100, but just how much cannot be told.

George L. J. Feeney has rented a hall at 210 Pennsylvania avenue northwest for Saturday evening, and has called a meeting to make final disposition of the charges. Arguments of counsel for the complainant and defendant are practically all that remain before a vote will be taken, as all the testimony, amounting, approximately, to 3,000 words, has been read, and the argument of counsel for the charges will be open to general debate by the members. This will undoubtedly take up much time, as there are many who wish to be heard.

George L. Cain, president of the League of Navy Yard Employees, is coping to this city about the middle of the month to push the Saturday half holiday and the question of that city in fighting the injunction against them secured by the employers.

Emmet Adams, president of the Central Labor Union, has returned to the city from Baltimore, where he was siding the champions of that city in fighting the injunction against them secured by the employers.

COGHIAN RETAINS CHARGE.

Will Head Brooklyn Navy Yard, Although Retired.

Rear Admiral J. B. Coghian, now commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the captain in Dewey's fleet, who made himself famous by reading the "Hoch der Kaiser" poem at a banquet in New York, will retire from the active list next Monday.

Rear Admiral Coghian has been asked by the President to continue in the active service for a time. He will remain in charge of the Brooklyn yard.

Capt. Benjamin Tilley will be promoted to the grade of rear admiral next February, and may then succeed to the command of the Brooklyn yard.

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Approves President's Action in Discharging Soldiers.

OUTBREAK EQUAL TO TREASON

Secretary Declares in Annual Report That No Community Dares House Murderers—Asserts That No Step Other Than Dismissal Was Possible Under the Circumstances.

In an extract from his annual report made public at the War Department, Secretary Taft emphatically indorses the action of President Roosevelt, when he ordered the dismissal of three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored, because of the participation of some of the members of the company organizations in the raid on Brownsville, Tex., in August.

It disproves absolutely that there is any difference of opinion between the President and the Secretary of War concerning the justice of the step. When Mr. Taft returned to Washington from his Western trip a few weeks ago, and while the President was in Panama, he ventured, upon the urgent appeal of persons interested in the dismissed troops, to suspend for a time the execution of the President's order directing the discharge of the soldiers, while he cabled asking if the case might be reconsidered.

This action on the part of the Secretary of War gave instant rise to numerous declarations that Mr. Taft was opposed to the attitude of the President, and those interested in the welfare of the negro troops gave him loud praise. The report shows that he is in thorough accord with the President, and the argument he presents showing why the army should have ridden itself of the three companies is undoubtedly strong. The report will go to Congress soon.

Guilty of Murder.
Mr. Taft declared that the men who did the shooting at the Brownsville raid were guilty of murder in the first degree, and that their comrades who were not actually involved engaged in a conspiracy to shield the criminals. He says also that it is impossible that many of the battalions who did not actually take part in the conspiracy to murder were not aware by one circumstance or another, of the identity of the persons who committed the offense. Secretary Taft reviews the facts, gives details of the raid, and continues:

"Under these circumstances the question arises, is the government helpless? Must it continue in its service a battalion, many of the members of which show a willingness to condone a crime of a capital character, committed by a part of the battalion? Must it continue in its service a battalion, many of the members of which show a willingness to condone a crime of a capital character, committed by a part of the battalion? Must it continue in its service a battalion, many of the members of which show a willingness to condone a crime of a capital character, committed by a part of the battalion?"

With the opening of such a range, he is of the opinion that rifle teams should be organized not only among the high school cadets, but among the different unions and other societies as well. Regular contests could be held from time to time, and each member of the various teams be trained to the use of a modern rifle.

The cadets of the District have rifles, but they are seldom, if ever, used. Admiral Baird has been in favor of supplying them with a gun of the more modern type, and which are of less weight than those now in their possession. He will suggest that Krag-Jorgensen be furnished for the high school cadets.

Several rifle ranges in the District could be put to this purpose, mainly the one at the navy yard, and another at the barracks, he thinks.

"It is the same in a dog fight or any kind of a battle," the admiral said last evening. "The one who has the start has the best of the deal. This has been explained many times on the field of battle. We should have our young men of the country familiar with the rifle and its uses, and in case of war they could answer to the call of arms and be of great benefit to the army of their country."

OLD CITIZENS TALK IT OVER
Most Venerable Inhabitants Tell About Canals of Washington.

Testimonials from Calhoun and Stanton Concerning Colored Messenger Shown at November Meeting.

Interesting reminiscences, with data relative to the old canals about Washington, were brought out at last night's meeting of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association in the Corcoran building. The two canals at Great Falls and Little Falls, on the Virginia side of the Potomac, were described in a short paper presented.

It was shown that the canal at Great Falls was one mile long, eighteen feet wide, and twelve feet deep. The change in level was effected by six locks. The canal was dug out of the solid rock, and built by slave labor. Both canals were surveyed by George Washington a few years before he was elected President.

He owned stock in them. The houses of the Dickey family, where the engineers drew their plans, still stands. The fourth generation of the family still lives in it. The canal at Little Falls was of the same dimensions and three-quarters of a mile in length.

A curious and interesting document was presented to the association by the secretary, comprising a series of testimonials on parchment given by the Secretaries of State from John C. Calhoun to Edward M. Stanton to the faithful and general good behavior of Francis Datcher, the negro messenger who served in the War Department for thirty-four years, dying in 1864 while being carried from the department building to his home.

Many of the members of the association remembered the aged messenger, and added their testimony to his courtesy and fidelity as an employee of the government. It was stated that the curious old document, which has been saved and kept in a small tin box since Datcher's death, would one day be given to the association to be added to its archives.

James Croghan in preparation a general history of that portion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which once ran through the city. Much of the evening was taken up by several of the members in relating reminiscences of the old canal, and many of them had spent days fishing upon its banks.

The members of the association will hold their December banquet at Freund's next Friday night.

Probable Car Shortage.
The investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission into the question of the shortage in the supply of cars will begin at Minneapolis on December 15. The commission yesterday made public a statement reflecting upon the substance of the complaints made as to car shortage.

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To Reimburse Catholic Church.
The President sent a message to Congress yesterday, urging an appropriation of \$25,000, found by a commission, to be due the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines. He "hopes the money will be appropriated, in order that really substantial justice may be done." "It will be wise for Congress to exercise large liberality," he says.

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